of becoming viable within a reasonable time, there may be alternative but ta allow its closure while protecting the interest of affected workers.

(a) Yes, Sir. Since most of the measures listed in the White paper for prevention of further closures, revival of the closed units/ and rehabilitation of affected workers were to be taken by the State Government themselves, they were advised to convene a meeting of all concerned to consider further action in this regard.

Statement

State .	Cotton/Manmade Fibre Textile Mills lying closed as' on 30-11-1989.
Andhra Pradesh.	5
Bihar...	1
Gujarat.	35
Haryana. '.	2
Karnataka. • '.	11
Kerala..	. 2
Madhya Pradesh	2
Maharashtra. •' ■	17
Rajasthan.	8
Tamil Nadu.,. -	29
West Bengal '	7 '
Delhi. ■.	1
Uttar Pradesh. i	9
TOTAL	129.

Strength of Judges in High Courts

375. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: With the Minister **of LAW AND** JUSTICE be pleased to state

(a) what is the present strength of Ihe Judges against the. sanctioned strength in each High Court in the country and what steps are being taken to fill these vacancies;

(b) whether panels of names have, been recommended by the ' Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of the States to the Law-Ministry and whether they are being considered; and

(c) whether the policy of transfer of judges is being examined and whether Government would consult all concerned before taking a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) (a) and (b). A Statement showing the sanctioned and actual strength and vacancies in various High Courts as on 15-12-1989 is attached. *(See* Appendix CLII, Annexure No. 12) Certain recommendations for filling m some vacancies were received from the Chief Ministers in consultation with the Chief Justices and Governors; these have been processed. The consultative process for filling other vacanacies has been expedited.

(c) Government will consider proposals for transfer of Judges only on the ' recommendation of the Chief Justice of India.

Shifting of Regional Office of the STC -from Ahmedabad

376, SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased" to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Regional Office of State Trading Corporation has been shifted from Ahmedabad; if so, what are the reasons therefor and since when this office has discontinued its functioning at Ahmedabad;

(b) whether Government have received representations from Chambers of Commerce, trade bodies and people' representatives against the decision of the STC; and

(c) what is the contribution of Gujarat State in the total exports from the coun try and whether Government will consider the reopening of the Regional Office in the interest of export potential in Gujarat?